

REMARKS

In the Office Action dated June 6, 2006, the Examiner required a Restriction between the claims of Group I, claims 1-5 and 10, drawn to a method of synchronizing cyclemasters over a distributed bridge comprising a step of using a sampled time value to compensate for delays and calculate a correction to correct the cycle timer and the claims of Group II, claims 6-9, drawn to a method of synchronizing cyclemasters over a distributed bridge comprising a step of indicating an error if a sampled value is not received within a time period.

Applicant elects to prosecute the claims of Group I, claims 1-5 and 10. The claims of Group II, claims 6-9 have been cancelled herein.

Applicant reserves the right to prosecute the claims of Group II in a divisional application.

If the Examiner has any questions regarding this application or this response, the Examiner is requested to telephone the undersigned at 775-586-9500.

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